

All praise is due to Allah; we praise Him and seek His help and forgiveness. We seek refuge in Allah from the evil of our own selves and from our sinful deeds. Whomever Allah guides, there is none to misguide him; and whomever He leads astray, none can guide him. We bear witness that there is no god worthy of worship except Allah, alone, and we bear witness that Muhammad (ﷺ) is His servant and Messenger. We pray to Allah the Almighty to bestow His peace and blessings upon Prophet Muhammad, upon his good and pure family, as well as upon all the noble Companions and those who follow them in righteousness until the Day of Judgement.

The present series covers a number of interesting topics that affect our everyday lives, and it is geared towards Muslim children born and brought up in the West, as well as Muslim children and adults in all parts of the world.

As colourful artwork appeals to children, we have produced the present series in beautiful colour illustrations that are bound to attract the young readers' attention, stimulate them and amuse them. We have, at times, used pictures of human beings and animals for the same purpose, but with the heads separated from the bodies, after consulting with some Muslim scholars from Al-Madinah, Saudi Arabia, who approved doing so as long as these publications are geared towards a younger audience. This will certainly stimulate young Muslim readers and amuse them, now that we live in a world that abounds with attractive publications that are, in the main, meant to pollute their thinking and keep them away from the right track.

Our aim here is to provide an alternative that is purely Islamic and, at the same time, one that keeps up with the latest advances in material production to stay level with non-Muslim publications.

We pray to Allah to reward our endeavours and to make the present series abundantly beneficial to our young readers.

These are Arabic writings used as symbols:



Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him



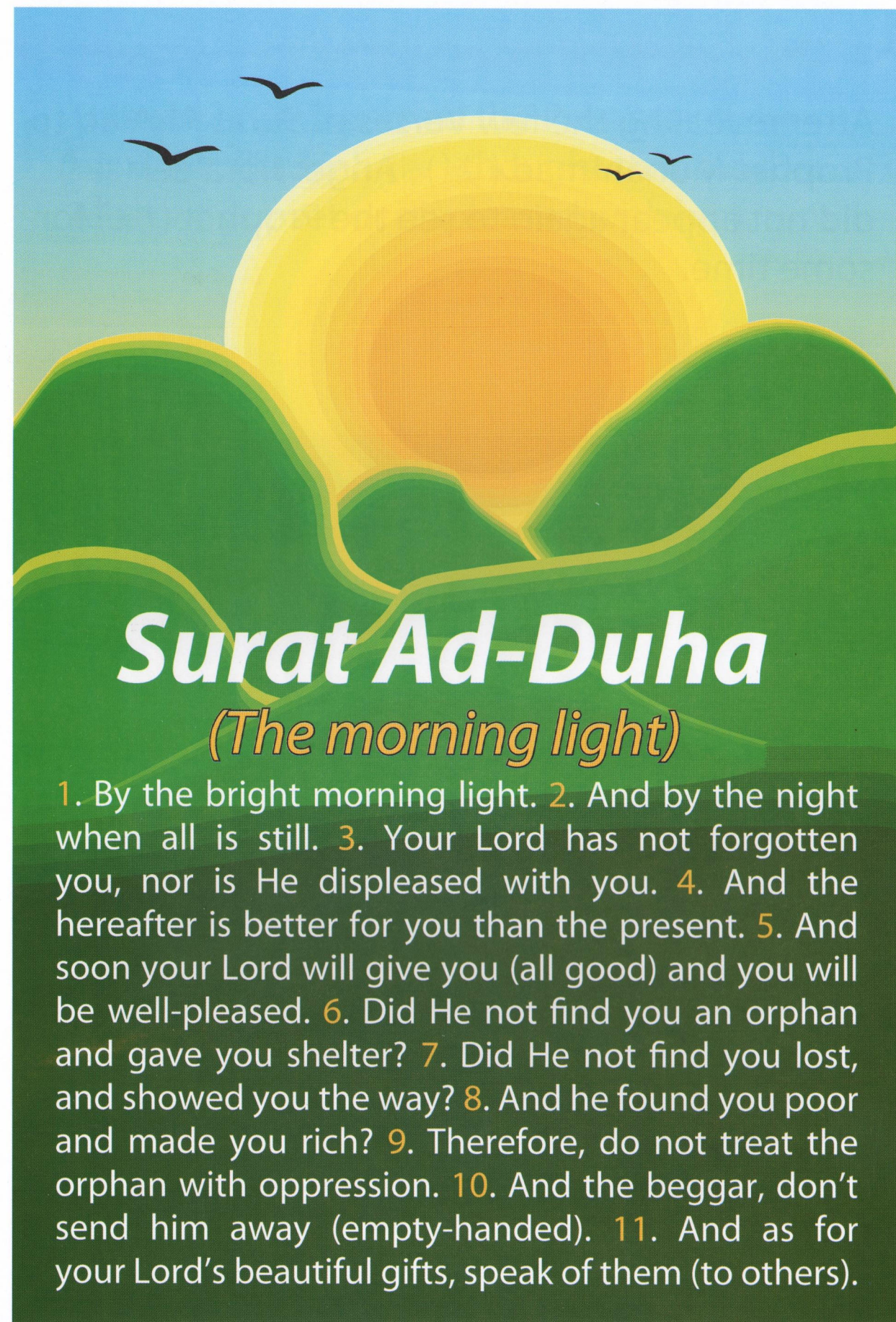
Peace be upon him



May Allah be pleased with him



May Allah be pleased with her



Surat Ad-Duha

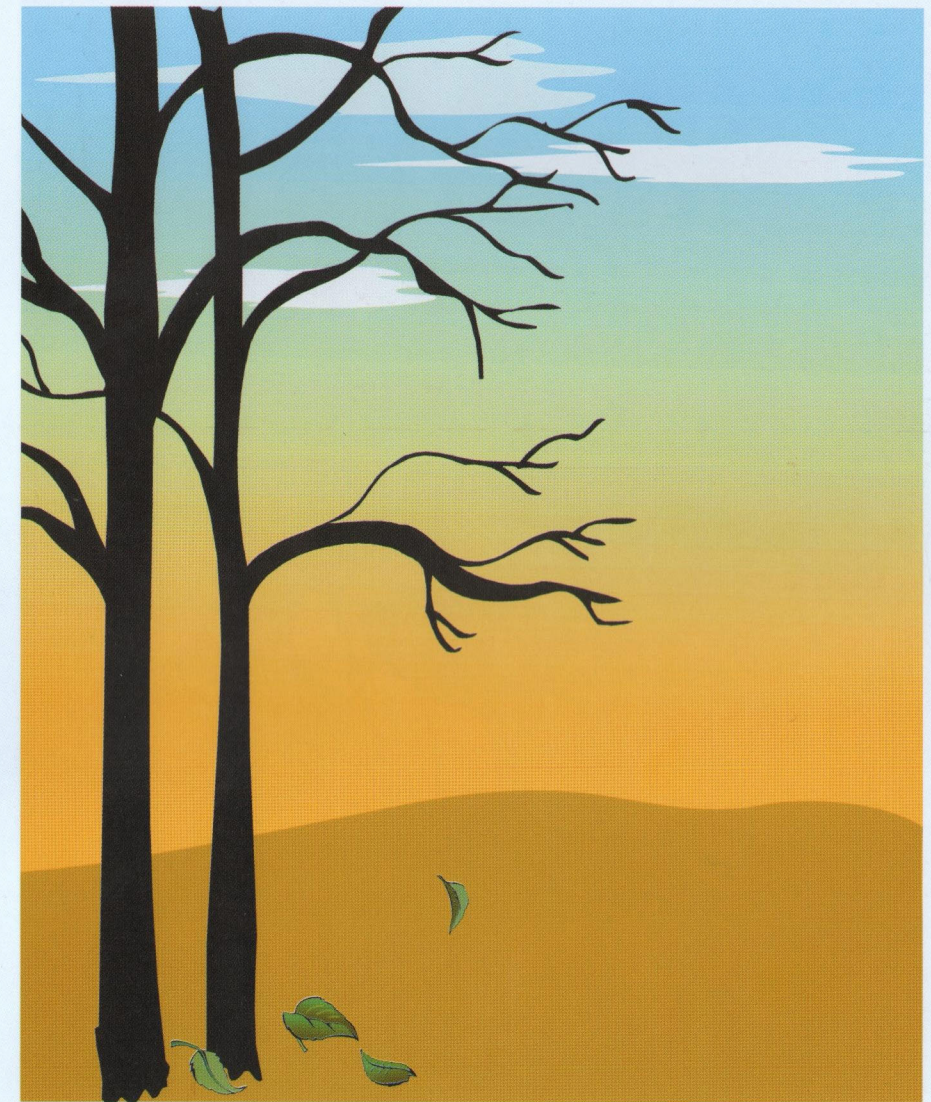
(The morning light)

1. By the bright morning light. 2. And by the night when all is still. 3. Your Lord has not forgotten you, nor is He displeased with you. 4. And the hereafter is better for you than the present. 5. And soon your Lord will give you (all good) and you will be well-pleased. 6. Did He not find you an orphan and gave you shelter? 7. Did He not find you lost, and showed you the way? 8. And he found you poor and made you rich? 9. Therefore, do not treat the orphan with oppression. 10. And the beggar, don't send him away (empty-handed). 11. And as for your Lord's beautiful gifts, speak of them (to others).

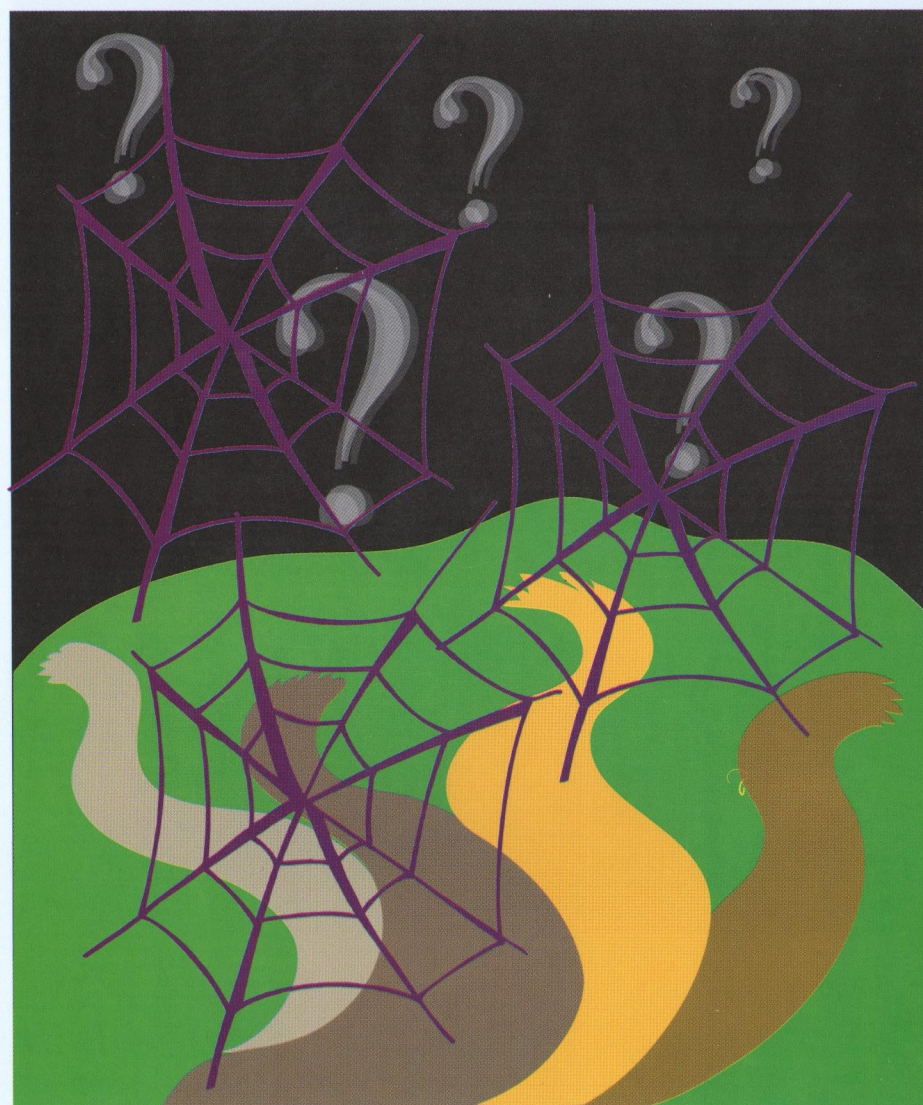
After revealing the few Verses of Surat Al-Alaq to Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ), Angel Jibra'eel (جبرائيل) did not appear again to see the Prophet (ﷺ) for some time.



This upset and worried the Prophet (ﷺ). His wife, Khadijah (ﷺ) thought that maybe Allâh was upset or displeased with him.



Further, the people of Quraish, especially the wife of Abu Lahab began teasing the Prophet (ﷺ) that he had been abandoned by the Angel.



Due to these comments and remarks and the thoughts of Khadijah (رضي الله عنها), the wife of the Prophet (ﷺ), Allâh revealed this Surah to the Prophet (ﷺ).



On this occasion, Angel Jibra'eel (جبرائيل) appeared to the Prophet (ﷺ) in his original form, the one in which Allâh had created him.



In Surat Ad-Duha, Allâh takes an oath that He had not left the Prophet (ﷺ), nor was He displeased with him.



Despite the fact that the Prophet (ﷺ) was not into the affairs of the world, Allâh tells the Prophet (ﷺ) in this Surah that the life in the Hereafter is better than this world.



There was once an occasion when the Prophet (ﷺ) had been sleeping on a very thin mat on the floor. The mat was so rough that after the Prophet (ﷺ) had woken up, the marks from the mat could be seen on his body.

